

Positive Alternatives 2014 - 15 Quarterly Update

Grantee: Morris Life Care Pregnancy Center

Goal: To support, encourage and assist women in carrying pregnancies to term and in caring for their babies after they are born

For the period: October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Provide guidance to grant staff; complete grant forms; attend required grant meetings		Continue to complete grant forms, regular bookkeeping, updates & to build / implement programs. Continued outreach by visiting Wic, Public Health and Human Services in Swift, Stevens, Big Stone and Pope Counties. Attended required Grantee Meeting in October.	
Outreach	Plan and implement an outreach to Hispanic Community and to men who are partners of clients; increase promotional activities, advertising, public presentations, networking and outreach efforts of center; expand hours of operation and increase staff capacity		Continued our outreach to Hispanic community. Continued to use the Spanish Billboard for another year. Office Hours have increased to 38 hours per week. We have begun to meet clients at the Swift County Public Health office one day a week as needed to help with lack of transportation issues. We have built a wonderful working relationship with Public Health in Swift County. We also see clients at the Heartland Girls Ranch in Benson MN. Clients there have been focusing on Pregnancy Education, Parenting skills and Education. We are also working with Steven's County Human Services to help with parenting and life skills. We have also been meeting clients in Hancock, MN who do not have transportation once a week.	
Car Seat Program	Provide car seats and certified car seat instruction and testing in an incentive program	6	We have had an excellent response to our car seat program. We have provided safety training, instruction and installation of car seats to our clients, as well as re-checks after baby is born. We have provided more instruction as necessary.	7

Fatherhood Program	Provide counsel and direction for the Fathers who are partners of pregnant clients	1 - 2	We have had only 1 dad going through the Fatherhood Program over the last quarter.	1
Interpreter Services	Provide center services to Spanish-speaking clients	4	We have had a VERY good response to our ability to translate. Translator has helped Theresa in her outreach efforts and the Spanish program has been increasing. We have also been able to meet the needs of our Spanish speaking clients and have experienced a HUGE increase in our number of Spanish speaking clients again this quarter. We have also extended our services to another town to help with lack of transportation.	108
Parenting Education	Provide Parenting Education	18	We have had yet another increase in clients choosing parenting classes in the last quarter. Many clients have expressed how this program has helped them in their daily lives & in making better choices for their children.	56
Pregnancy Education	Provide pregnancy education	12	We are seeing an increase in clients who are interested in pregnancy education through our Earn While You Learn Program.	44
Pregnancy Testing	Provide intake assessment for program eligibility, pregnancy test, support, counseling and education	2	We have had 3 new clients come in for intake assessment with pregnancy test and 3 return clients.	6
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	1	We served 1 client this quarter who wanted information only, which we gave referrals.	1
Transportation	Provide transportation to and from classes and Doctor Appointments and to access free ultrasounds for eligible	4	We have purchased the vouchers and made them available to our clients. We have some vouchers that are for the local transit bus and some gas only certificates. We count single ride passes and each gas certificate as one.	30

	clients			

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	6
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	2
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	1
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	5
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	6

Challenges: none

Comments: We are still receiving a lot of positive feedback on the programs! These programs are impacting the families of our clients in a big way. More education is resulting in healthier choices in pregnancy, parenting skills and discipline. The car seat Program is making a tremendous impact in our community. We have found that many of our Spanish speaking clients are very happy to have a place to get the information, education and help that they need. We are also building relationships with other entities as we work together to help families in our communities. We are so thankful for the Positive Alternatives Grant and the impact it is making in our community.